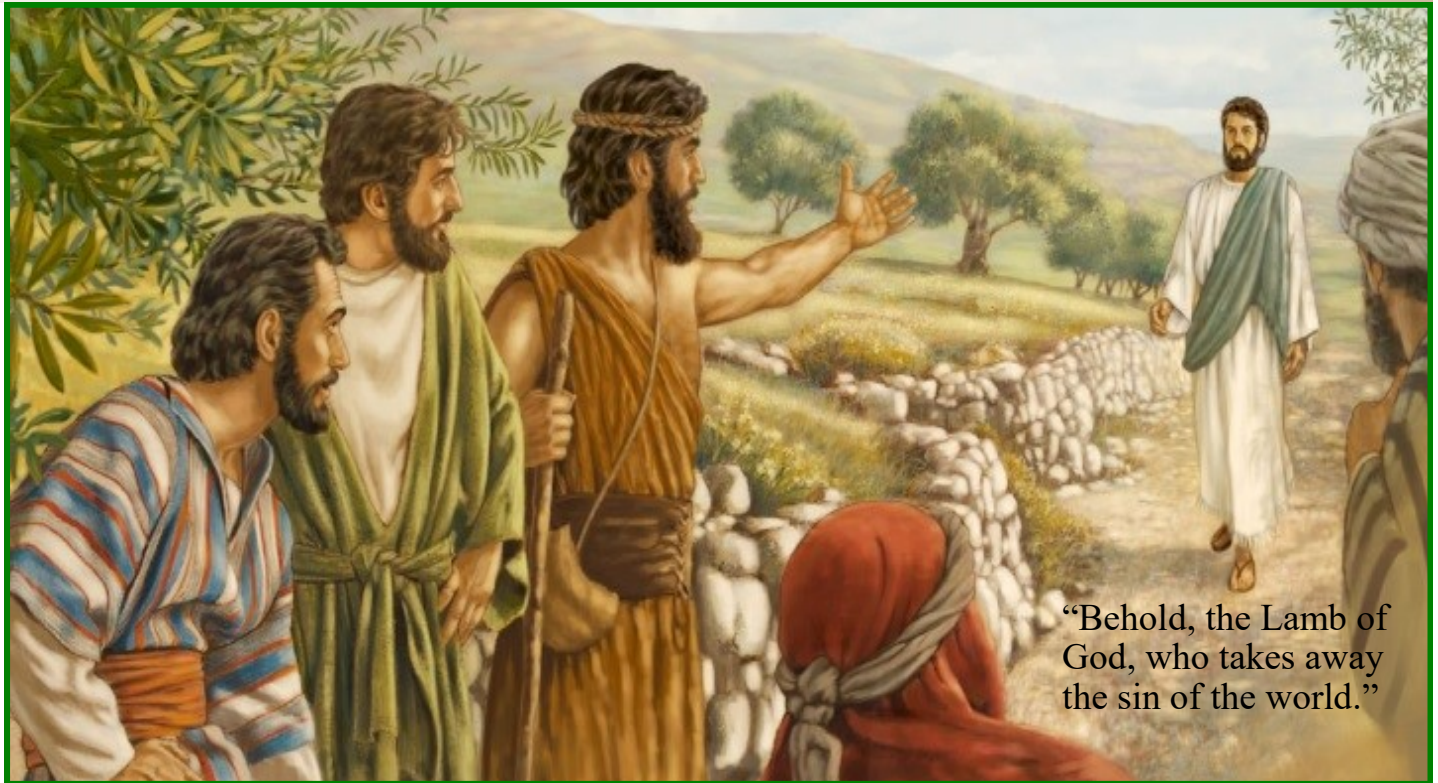


# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

January 18, 2026 Second  
Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 10:30 am  
11:00 am Rosary/  
Confession

Thursday, 10:30am  
11:00 am Rosary/  
Confession

### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:00am-11:00am.

Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Thurs 9:00 am—2:00 pm

## OUR CLERGY

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Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding,  
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### PASTOR

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## Reflection from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel presents us with a powerful and simple proclamation from John the Baptist: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” With these words, John points away from himself and directs all attention to Jesus. This is the heart of Christian discipleship—to recognize Christ and to lead others to Him.

John the Baptist had a clear mission. He was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. He did not seek recognition or authority for himself; instead, he humbly acknowledged that Jesus existed before him and ranked far above him. John’s greatness lies precisely in his humility and obedience to God’s call. He teaches us that our role as believers is not to draw attention to ourselves, but to witness to Christ by our words and actions.

The image of Jesus as the Lamb of God is rich with meaning. In the Old Testament, the lamb was offered in sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. By calling Jesus the Lamb of God, John reveals the deeper truth of Jesus’ mission: He will offer Himself for the salvation of the world. This is not a distant or abstract promise; it is a personal invitation. Jesus takes away our sins, our burdens, our fears, and our failures, and replaces them with mercy, hope, and new life.

John also testifies to the presence of the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Jesus and remains with Him. This moment reveals Jesus as the Son of God and the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. For us, this is a reminder of our own baptism. Through baptism, we too have received the Holy Spirit and are called to live as sons and daughters of God, bearing witness to Christ in our families, workplaces, and community.

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, let us not underestimate the holiness found in ordinary, faithful living. Like John the Baptist, may we learn to recognize Jesus in our midst and boldly proclaim Him—not only with our lips, but with lives shaped by love, humility, and service.

May this Eucharist strengthen us to say each day, in our own way: “Behold the Lamb of God.”

Prayer



Loving Father,

We thank You for revealing Your Son to us as the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Fill our hearts with humility and faith, that we may recognize Jesus in our daily lives and courageously bear witness to Him. Renew in us the grace of our baptism, strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and help us to live as faithful disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI

Pastor

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Tennessee Ridge, Tn. 37178

## PARISH STAFF

**Secretary Linda Allen**

**Tues: 9:00– 1:00**

**Thurs: 9:00-2:00**

**Book Keeper Tin Williams**

**Monday 8:00-11:00am**

**Wednesday 8:30-2:30  
(SFOA)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### St Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Sun, Jan 18, St Elizabeth  
Ann Seton Parishioners**

**11:00am** Rosary/Confession

**11:30am** Mass

**Sun, Jan 25, St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton Parishioners**

**11:00am** Rosary/Confession

**11:30am** Mass

### St Francis of Assisi

**Sat, Jan 17, Larry & Terry  
Borders**

**5:00pm** Rosary/Confession

**5:30pm** Mass

**Sun, Jan 18, St. Francis of  
Assisi Parishioners**

**8:00am** Rosary/Confession

**8:30 am** Mass

**Sat, Jan 24, Fr. Aby  
Thanickal**

**5:00pm** Rosary/Confession

**5:30pm** Mass

**Sun, Jan 25, St. Francis of  
Assisi Parishioners**

**8:00am** Rosary/Confession

**8:30pm** Mass



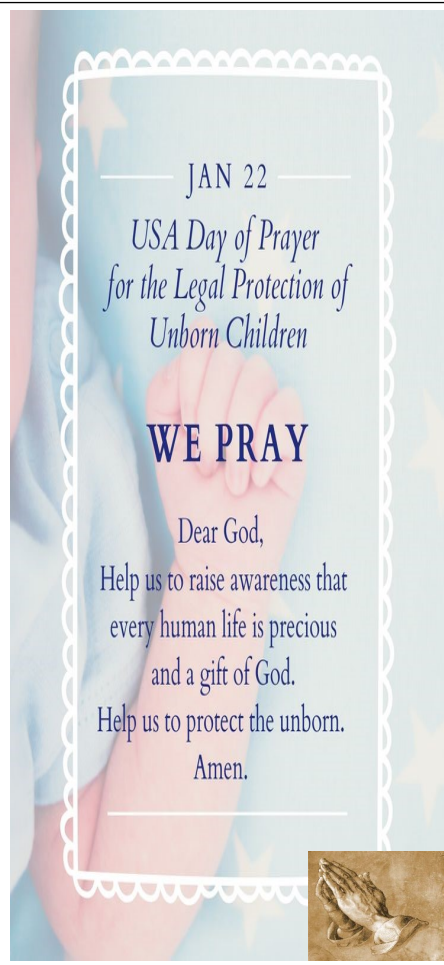
## WEEK IN A GLANCE

Tues, January 20 OCIA/RCIA  
4:30pm

Wed, January 21 Bible Study  
4:00pm



Please bring in your palms from last year so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**There is a Liturgy Meeting  
after Mass today.**

**Welcome Fr. Ed Steiner who  
will be celebrating Mass with  
us!**

The fellowship project will begin soon. The cost is approx.

\$17,000. All items in the hall need to be moved to allow for the renovation. Please ensure all important items are kept safe.

Contact Mr. Tony for more information.

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

I have noticed that during the Holy Mass, some parishioners are using words that differ from the approved prayers of the Roman Missal. In some cases, singular words are used in place of plural words, or plural in place of singular. For example, in the Penitential Rite, the approved text is "through my fault," but some pronounce it as "though my faults." Another example occurs during the Lamb of God, where the proper text is "you take away the sins of the world," yet some recite it as "sin of the world." These changes are not approved or promulgated by the Catholic Church. Even small changes in wording can affect the unity of our worship. The Holy Mass is the sacrament of unity that binds us together with Christ and with the whole community. The word Catholic itself means universal and points to our unity and universality. Unity and uniformity in worship are part of our Catholic identity and an expression of our obedience to the Church.

The Holy Mass is not a personal form of worship; it is a communal and liturgical action of the whole Church. Therefore, it is important—and safest—to use the exact words approved by the Church in the Roman Missal.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Fr. Aby

# Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15
Lector	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler	Bill Resler	Tom Vorholt
E.M.H.C	Connie Vorholt	Janet Hake	David Hingingbottom	Gregg Lill	Bill Resler
E.M.H.C	Diane Lill	Glenn Hake	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler
Gift Bearer	DelGandio	Eberle	Hake	Hingingbottom	Jurgovan
Money Counters	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Greg & Diane	Zwolak	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolak

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

- Jan 18-25
- Sunday Is 49:3,5-6/1Cor1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 2nd Sun Ord
  - Monday 1Sm 15:16-23/Mk2:18-22
  - Tuesday 1Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
  - Wednesday 1Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk3:1-6
  - Thursday 1Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
  - Friday 1Sm 24:3-21/Mk3:13-19
  - Saturday 2Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
  - Sunday Is 8:23-9:3/1Cor 1:10-13,17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## Prayer Intentions

Henry Garrett, Tammy Arthon, Gregg Lill, Dale Edwards, Ken Simpson, Frank Visconi, Robin Frederick Laws and Sue Resler.



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